allotted to areas affected by militancy i.e. J&K, North-Eastern States and Naxal-affected areas notified by the Government from time to time.

Wastage of land due to border fencing in J&K

790. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands acres of land is rendered waste due to fencing in border areas of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details of the land particularly in tehsil R.S. Pura, Samba, Bishnah, Bajipur, Hiranagar and Akhnoor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one village Nekowal's hundred acres land is rendered waste due to fencing and the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to shift this fencing to extreme border; and

(e) if not, whether Government have any proposal to pay compensation to land owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) No land has been rendered waste due to fencing on the Jammu International border, except for the land which is coming under the fencing, as access is provided to the land beyond the fencing through fence gates. Erection of barbed wire fencing requires land having a width of only 44 feet.

(d) There is no proposal to erect this fencing on the zero line.

(e) No proposal has been received from the State Government for payment of compensation to land owners.

Communal violence at Mau in Uttar Pradesh

791. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons or groups behind the communal riots at Mau in Uttar Pradesh during October, 2005 have been identified and arrests made;

(b) if so, the number of persons arrested in this connection;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Uttar Pradesh Government appointed Committee to enquire into riots at Mau;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to ensure that such type of incidents do not occur in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are the State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes as well as maintenance of data in respect of the identification of guilty, number of persons arrested etc. in riots are the primary concerns of the State Governments and hence such data are not Centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) As per the report received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh a total of 440 persons have been arrested in connection with the communal incidents of October, 2005 in Mau town. An enquiry has also been entrusted to Smt. Neera Yadav, President, Uttar Pradesh State Board of Revenue to be assisted by Ms. Surjit Kaur Sandhu, Principal Secretary (Housing) and Shri S.A.A. Rizvi, Registrar, Cooperation in the matter.

(e) To prevent communal riots in the country the Union Government assists the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of information, sending alert messages, sending Central Para-Military Forces to the concerned State Governments on specific request including the composite Rapid Action Force which has been specially created to deal with communal situations and in the modernization of the State Police Forces. The activities of all the individuals and the organizations having a bearing on communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of the law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, whenever necessary. The Union Government has also issued comprehensive guidelines to promote Communal Harmony to all the States and Union Territories.

Enactment of a law to deal with communal violence is also in process.